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SUBJECT: TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION:SCIENTIFIC
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REF: A) MADRID 0598, B) MADRID 8375, C) STATE 3708

1. WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF A CONSTRUCTIVE TONE
AT THE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING OF FEB. 9 AND THEREFORE
WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY INFORMING THE SPANISH CO-CHAIRMAN
IN ADVANCE OF MEETING THAT THE THREE ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED
IN PARA 1, REF A) I.E. INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS, COOPERA-
TIVE RESEARCH GRANTS, AND DIRECT RESEARCH GRANTS, ARE
ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. SIDE. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ITEMS
A,B,C, AND D OF PARA 7, REF (A) APPLY ONLY TO DIRECT
RESEARCH GRANTS. RECORD OF MINUTES OF OCT. 22 MEETING
(REF B) SHOW THAT AT THAT TIME WE STATED WE HAD NO PROBLEM
WITH INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE RESEARCH GRANTS.
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----ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING THESE
THREE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES CAN BE WORKED OUT IN JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING.

2. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO HOLD JOINT

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT SPANISH SIDE ASKED TO POSTPONE JANUARY MEETING AT WHICH THESE MATTERS WERE TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. OUR ONLY CONDITION TO ANY TYPE OF MEETING WAS THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE.

3. WITH RESPECT TO DIRECT RESEARCH GRANTS, WE NEITHER APPROVED NOR DISAPPROVED OF SPANISH PROCEDURE OF INVITING PROPOSALS. WE CONSIDERED THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SPANISH GENERATE RESEARCH PROGRAMS IS AN INTERNAL MATTER (REF C). AS TO OUR DELAY IN APPROVING DIRECT RESEARCH GRANTS, (PARA 3, REF A) WE HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY LACK OF AN OFFICIAL EMBASSY RESPONSE WHICH WE REQUESTED ON THIS SUBJECT AND OUR RECORDS SHOW NO SUCH RESPONSE RECEIVED TO DATE.

4. ALTHOUGH WE ARE DEALING WITH A NEW SPANISH TEAM SINCE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT NO. 3 WAS NEGOTIATED, WE ASSUME THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROGRAM IS FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT HAS NOT CHANGED. THE MEANS FOR IMPLEMENTING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AND EDUCATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS ARE NOT NECESSARILY PARALLEL AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS SUCH WITHOUT REGARD TO ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCES.

MUCH OF E C PROGRAM IS BASED ON MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF VARIOUS PROGRAM INTERESTS DERIVING FROM PAST COOPERATION, WHILE THIS CONSENSUS HAS YET TO BE ACHIEVED FOR S&T COOPERATION.
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5. WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SPANISH REQUEST FOR PUBLIC PROPOSALS FOR DIRECT RESEARCH GRANTS OR OTHER TYPES OF PROGRAMS, WE DO POINT OUT THAT THIS WILL DELAY ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM AND COULD AFFECT OUR ABILITY TO OBLIGATE FUNDS BY END OF FISCAL YEAR DEADLINE.

6. LETTER FROM GANLEY TO AMBASSADOR FOLLOWS.

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